Proposal from Chhattisgarh for drinking water project in Raipur

2061. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal for Rs. 58 crores in May-June, 2001 for drinking water project in Raipur (Chhattisgarh);

(b) whether the amount has not been sanctioned, so far, causing lot of hardship to the people of Raipur; and

(c) if so, by when this amount demanded by the State Government will be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Water supply being a State subject, it is the responsibility of State Governments to plan, implement, operate and maintain water supply facilities and make adequate provision of funds for this purpose. However, in order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments for providing water supply facilities in towns having population less than 20,000 (as per 1991 Census), this Ministry is implementing a Centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) wherein Central assistance is provided to the State Governments on 50:50 matching basis. Since Raipur city is having population more than 20,000 as per 1991 Census, it cannot be considered under AUWSP. The State Government was advised to finance the project for Raipur City out of the funds provided by the Planning Commission under the State Plan and/or by taking loans from financial institutions like Life Insurance Corporation/Housing and Urban Development Corporation.

Link Road Project connecting Dwarka and South Delhi

2062. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have planned to connect Dwarka with South Delhi through a Link Road Project, as reported in the 'Indian Express' dated the 5th June, 2002;